# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5240
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CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES MADE OF PAPER IN BHUJ
BHAVNA DEVRAJ CHIKHALIA;PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the `Navbharat Times` dated May9, 2001 regarding construction of houses made of paper in Bhuj;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether an architect from Japan has been allowed to construct such houses;

(d) if so, the details of their durability, cost and life-span;

(e) the countries in which he has already erected such houses;

(f) the reaction about durability of these countries;

(g) the number of such houses likely to be constructed in Gujarat;

(h) the amount sanctioned for these houses and the time by which the work is likely to be started/completed;

(i) whether these houses are windproof and earthquake-proof besides being water-proof and fire-proof; and

(j) the names of Indian Officers/Architects, who are likely to be associated with the Japanese Architects?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION ( SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA )

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Article discusses a proposal for construction of temporary shelters made of paper to rehabilitate the victims of earthquake in Bhuj by two Non-Government organisations.

(c): Government of Gujarat has informed that no such permission has been granted.

(d)to(j): Do not arise.